

JOHN BYERS: My name is John Byers. I'm employed by Sufco Mine, a native of Utah. I support the comments from both Congressman and Dr. Nelson, just so it's noted. The royalties from fossil fuels that are extracted from BLM lands directly impact our surrounding areas. The behind the scene plans to shutdown the extraction of fossil fuels are pushed on the BLM by special interest groups in multiple ways. You've heard from other commenters that increased royalties may push struggling oil, gas, and coal completely out of business. I want to make you aware of the small portion of impacts of royalties in surrounding area. These projects have been great additions to our community and either sustain or improve our way ever life. They also provide jobs for local engineering and construction companies. Without funding from BLM royalties these projects would either not exist or be funded personally by each of us. I would like you to consider the socioeconomic impacts of your decision and the true impact it will make. I'm going to show you some pictures of projects that have been funded by fossil fuels pretty much wholly. Elsinore bike path, Sanpete landfill, Salina street improvements, Sevier County bike path, Richfield City Snow College bike path, Richfield City fire station, North County EMS building, Richfield City culinary improvements, Tropic Town water filtration. These are towns that I didn't even know that were impacted. Torrey Town culinary water improvements, Price City culinary water improvements, Richfield City water tank, Richfield City bike path and College Avenue, Kanab City Main Street improvements, Monticello City Improvement Center, Henrieville Town fire station improvements, Manti City ambulance building, UDOT Kanab City bridge, Mt. Pleasant water improvements, Monticello City water improvements. Long Valley sewer improvements, Leamington Town spring improvements, Marysvale Town community center, Joseph Town community center, Duchesne County Road, Duchesne County Road Lake Boreham, Duchesne County Road Wells Draw, Gunnison City Main Street improvements, Fountain Green water improvement, Bluff water improvement, Beaver City water improvement, Bryce Canyon City public safety building, Nine Mile Canyon Road, Emery Town water improvements. And I'll stop it there, but I think I made my point.